CLASS 1 MODIFICATION REQUESTS for
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS HANDLING FACILITY/EPA ID#: CA3890090001 and
HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY PERMIT NO. 93-3-TS-002/EPA ID#: CAD000629972
SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY (SSFL) AREA IV

On October 8, 2014, North Wind Inc. (NWI), a contractor to the United States Department of Energy (DOE), notified the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) that DOE will transfer operational control of the Radioactive Materials Handling Facility (RMHF) and the Hazardous Waste Management Facility (HWMF) from The Boeing Company (Boeing) to NWI effective on November 1, 2014. Both the RMHF and the HWMF are located wholly within Area IV of SSFL. While Area IV is owned and operated by Boeing, DOE owns the, approximately 90-acre, Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) structures. The RMHF and the HWMF are portions of ETEC, located on Boeing owned property.

The RMHF is an Interim Status Facility, which means a hazardous waste treatment permit application has been submitted to DTSC, but the permit has not been fully executed. The RMHF is dedicated exclusively to supporting closure activities at SSFL. The HWMF is operating under Permit No. 93-3-TS-002 and is currently undergoing closure activities.

NWI submitted a separate Class 1* permit modification for each facility to request DTSC approval of the operator transfer from Boeing to NWI. The modification request included revised Part A forms with the name and contact information for the new operator, NWI. DTSC is mailing this public notice to the contacts on its facility mailing list and appropriate State and local agencies, sending it to the DTSCs SSFL e-mail list, and posting it in the local newspaper. This permit modification requires approval from DTSC prior to implementation. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 66270.42 (a)(1)(C), "Any person may request the Department [DTSC] to review, and the Department may for cause reject, any Class 1 permit modification."

This change in operator will ensure proper responsibility and accountability for the RMHF and HWMF during the continued closure operations of the RMHF, HWMF and other site facilities.

BACKGROUND

SSFL was established in 1947 and is located in eastern Ventura County. The site is located on the western edge of the San Fernando Valley, south of Simi Valley, and near the communities of Santa Susana Knolls and Bell Canyon. SSFL comprises approximately 2,850 acres and is divided into four administrative areas – Area I, Area II, Area III, and Area IV – and two buffer zones. DOE owns and administers the ETEC on approximately 90-acres of the Boeing owned Area IV. The entire Area IV is 290 acres. The RMHF was built in 1959 and was designed to store new and irradiated nuclear fuel in dry underground storage vaults. It was then used for staging radioactive and mixed waste from decommissioning operations prior to shipment off-site. The HWMF began operations in 1978 and was used to store and treat waste sodium and potassium hydroxide solutions and metals. The HWMF ceased operations in 1997 and is currently undergoing closure.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information and documentation about SSFL may be found on the Program's website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Santa_Susana_Field_Lab/index.cfm or at:

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